

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

August 27, 2020

Starting Time 10:00 A.M.

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1. **Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** Michael Timmons, Chair

2. **Adjudicatory Hearings:**

RE: Review of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission's 2022/2023 Recommended Biennial Budget. 8 M.R.S. § 267 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a recommended operating budget for the biennium. The Department will present its recommended budget to the Commission for its review. The Commission will take testimony concerning the recommended budget and may make recommendations concerning the budget to the Commissioners.

3. **Presentation/review of the Annual Purse Distribution Plans from Maine's Eight Pari-mutuel Fairs.** Maine's eight pari-mutuel fairs have developed and submitted their annual purse distribution plans. The Commission will review the plans, take testimony from stakeholders, and determine whether to approve the plans.

3. **Recommendations for Adjusting the 2020 Maine Sire Stakes Schedule.** During the 2020 race season, the Commission has been forced to make racing calendar decisions frequently and hastily at times due to the rapidly changing circumstances arising from the pandemic. On July 28, 2020, the Commission approved a three-month race calendar for August, September and October of 2020 that also included a Sire Stakes Schedule. Since that time, the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee met and developed some recommended changes to the schedule. In addition, the Board of Directors for the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (MSBOA) also met to consider concerns/recommendations concerning the schedule. The MSBOA recommends adding another leg at the end of the schedule. The Commission will review both sets of recommendations and determine whether to make any changes to the 2020 Maine Sire Stakes schedule.

4. **Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) Decision to Exclude Maine from Receiving its Racing Content Broadcasts.** The Commission will receive an update about the legal implications relative to CDI's decision to exclude Maine from its racing content and wagering products.

5. **Other Business**

6. **Public Comment**

- 7. Schedule of Future Meetings:**
- 8. Adjourn**